LPG Connections

3967. SHRI T. GOPALA KRISHNA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of LPG connections sanctions in each State from M.Ps/Minister's discretionary quota during the last three years; and

(b) the year-wise details for M.Ps and Minister's separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b). The Hon'ble Members of Parliament are given 25 priority vouchers for each quarters and 30 priority vouchers in case of Consultative Committee Members attached to Petroleum Ministry and to members of the Standing Committee of MOP and NG. The Hon'ble members are free to issue the connections to any person, who can avail of the priority connections in any part of the country. The year wise number of priority vouchers made available for the MPs for issue is given below :

1993-94	57750
1994-95	77000
1995-96	77000

The year-wise number of LPG connections issued by the Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is given below :

1993	20616
1994	75747
1995	106802

Priority LPG connections are not given on state basis.

[Translation]

Modernisation of Indian Institute of Petroleum

3968. SHRI ANNA SAHIB M.K. PATIL :
KUMARI UMA BHARATI :

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government for the modernisation of Indian Institute of Petroleum;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c). Yes Sir, the Indian Institute of Petroleum, a unit of CSIR has drawn up a plan for modernisation/upgradation of its equipment and infrastructural facilities. It is seeking financial assistance from external sources to supplement the budgetary support for the purpose. Among others its proposal to seek a financial assistance of Rs. 17.50 crore from Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) for modernisation/upgradation of equipment and facilities has been approved by the CSIR.

[English]

Emeritus Scientists

3969. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the report "Sinecure-grabbing high-priests of science" in the "Economic Times" of April 4, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the rules governing the perks allowable to Emeritus Scientists in the CSIR system; and

(d) the rules governing the official travel abroad and the details of official foreign trips of Dr. A.P. Mitra after his superannuation and the objectives of such trips?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d). The Emeritus Scientists Scheme of CSIR provides financial assistance to superannuated outstanding scientists to pursue research, write books/monographs etc. in their respective fields of specializations especially in those which are of relevance to the programmes and activities of CSIR.

A scientist who is an acknowledged expert in the field of his specialiation and has been actively engaged in scientific research during the preceding five years of superannuation will be eligible for grants under this scheme. The grant consists of (i) honorarium of Rs. 5,000/- p.m. to the Emeritus Scientist (ES) for the duration of tenure (ii) suitable contingent grant per annum, and (iii) technical assistance in the form of research fellows/associates.

The scheme is initially sanctioned for three years. On the recommendation of the Committee, it may be extended by two years. It is applicable only upto 65 years of age. Dr. A.P. Mitra was awarded Bhatnagar Fellowship after his superannuation as Secretary, DSIR and Director-General, CSIR. This scheme is different from the Emeritus Scientist Scheme. Under the terms of fellowship an amount not exceeding Rs. 5 lacs per annum is provided. This covers salary and allowances

of the awardee and to meet other expenditure such as office space, Secretarial support, residential facilities, transport, telephone both at office and residence, travel expenses pertaining to the the Fellowship and other incidentals etc. The term of Bhatnagar Fellowship has since expired and Dr. Mitra has been awarded Dr. Homi Bhabha Senior Fellowship by Department of Atomic Energy.

Most of the Foreign trips of Dr. Mitra have been undertaken by him in his capacity as member of the Governing Council of the United Nations University and Chairman of START-SASCOM etc. Expenses in connection with such trips have been borne by international agencies. The detail of Foreign Trips undertaken wholly or partly on Government expenses are as per Statement attached.

STATEMENT

Detail of Visits Abroad of Dr. A.P. Mitra

	Place and period	Purpose
1.	Australia, June '91	To attend ASCA Workshop on Greenhouse Gases and Climate change; An Asian Perspective and visits to Lab./Inst. to indentify areas of further collaboration in Global Change programme under CSIR-DITAC Agreement.
2.	UK, Vienna, Aug. '91	To attend MST Radar Workshop in UK and to attend SCOSTEP bureau meeting at Vienna
3.	Singapore, Dec. '91	To attend International Geopsphere-Biosphere Programme Meeting as Chairman, Nat. Cte.-IGBP.
4.	China, Jan '92	To attend 3rd Session of WG of IPCC
5.	Japan, March, '92	To attend ITIT international Symposium on Emission Inventory and prevention technique of atmosphere environment Science.
6.	France, April, '92	To attend meeting of the SFC of ICSU
7.	Washington and Germany, Oct. '92	To attend SCOSTEP Meeting and to visit Scrips Inst. in Sandiego for discussion on global change issues. To do collaborative work on Global Change Chemistry at Max Planck Inst. fur Chemie, Mainz.
8.	Mexico, Jan, '93	To attend 3rd meeting of IGBP-SAC'
9.	Taiwan, USA and Japan, Aug.-Sept., 93	To attend MST Radar W/shop, Meeting in USA and URSI Gen. Assembly in Japan.
10.	Srilanka, Feb. '94	To attend START Meeting as Chairman, SASCOM
11.	Bonn, Mar., 94	To attend Nat. IGBP Ctes; Chairpersons Meeting as Chairman, NC-IGBP
12.	Beijing, Aug. '94	CSIR-NSFC Meeting and Symp. to finalise Sci. programmes.
13.	Brussels, Sept. '94	To attend START Regional Director's and Standing Cte. Meeting as Chairman, SASCOM.
14.	Japan, Mar. '95	To attend APN Meeting
15.	Brussels, April '95	To attend URSI 75th Anniversary as Past President, URSI.
16.	Dhaka, Aug. '95	To attend SASCOM Plg. Meeting as Chiarman, SASCOM
17.	Geneva, Sept. '95	To attend SBSTA Meeting as Representative of Govt. of India.
18.	USA, Sept. '95	To attend START Standing Cte. Meeting
19.	Beijing, Oct. '95	To attend SAC-IV Meeting
20.	Malaysia, Nov. '95	To attend CREN Meeting by Commonwealth
21.	Bangladesh, Dec. '95	START and SASCOM Meetings.
22.	Tokyo, Jan. 96	To attend APN Meeting
23.	Geneva, Feb/Mar. '96	To attend SBSTA Meeting as Rep. of Govt. of India.
24.	Bangkok, Mar. '96	To attend APN Meeting
25.	Germany, April '96	To attend Ist Congress Meeting of START as Chairman, SASCOM.